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Caroline Ferguson and her friends are doing their Bible study and eating lunch at Sweet Heart Circle on March 8.



TAMARA TANKSLEY/staff
On March 9, Patrick Peters is completing his accounting homework while staying in the shade outside of the IT Building.



ELIZABETH LAVENDER/staff
Sophie Bendus takes advantage of the weather on March 10, while studying for her first exam of the day.

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Chipper and Teddy's owner:
Katharine Griffith, second-year grad student in School Psychology Ed.



The latest numbers from the Georgia DPH's COVID-19 Daily Status Report for counties with a Georgia Southern University Campus:

Bulloch County:
5,101 cases, 52 deaths

Liberty County:
2,865 cases, 53 deaths

Chatham County:
18,838 cases, 360 deaths

Statewide:
831,271 cases, 57,094 hospitalizations, 15,706 deaths



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Georgia Southern Community,

Diversity and inclusive excellence is a phrase that the Georgia Southern community has heard a lot of in the past two years. We at the George-Anne wanted to be part of expanding the phrase into action. Our Creative Editor-In-Chief Aminatta Mbow established the diversity coverage board in Spring 2020. The board ensures our media group is continuously representing and listening to the diverse community we have. We started using a coverage form this semester created by the board to track our diversity with the people we interview and photograph as well.

The Diversity Coverage Board also established the

George-anne Deep Dive. It is an inclusive excellence newsletter where they dive deeper into issues faced by marginalized groups on campus and promote civil discourse on difficult topics. In the past year, they have created numerous projects on topics such as #EndSARS, accessibility on campus, Black Lives Matter and many more.

The once monthly periodical has now evolved into a weekly newsletter. Along with having these important conversations and highlighting groups, we feel it is also important to educate our audience on things they might not be aware of.

The George-Anne Media Group is now looking for people to join the Deep Dive. If you advocate for social justice and/or want to bring

awareness to underrepresented communities, we would love to have you join. You can email the division at deepdive@georgiasouthern.edu.

We would also love to hear what you want to see in the Deep Dive and our other outlets such as The George-Anne, The George-Anne Studio and the George-Anne Reflector. Our mission is to build community. We would not be doing our job if we weren't asking our audience what they care about. You can email your thoughts on our coverage, concerns and topics to deepdive@georgiasouthern.edu as well.

Sincerely,

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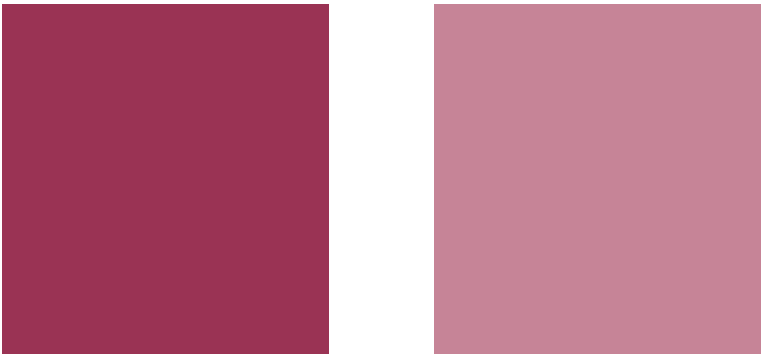
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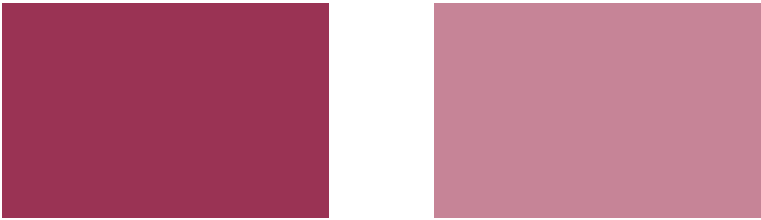


GS’ Southern Leaders earn outstanding recognition

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Georgia Southern’s Southern Leaders Program was named Outstanding Leadership Program of the Year by the Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). Previously being awarded the NASPA Gold Level Excellence Award in 2019 and the Outstanding Program of the Year Award from the Association of Leadership

Educators in 2018, GS’ Southern Leaders are proud to have earned this recognition. “This award demonstrates the dedication our knowledgeable and talented staff have to keep the Southern Leaders Program continually evolving,” said Stated Director of the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement Jodi Kennedy in a press release. “I’m continually impressed by how our team works to create spaces for students to explore their leadership talents while also learning how to use them to better their communities.”



GS Professor featured in International History Film Festival

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PHOTO: @MatthewHash on Twitter

Professor Matthew Hashiguchi’s film “Good Luck Soup”, is the feature of the 2021 Ogeechee International History Film Festival, the longest- running film festival of its kind in the world. The 2021 Film will be the first in its 5-year history to be all virtual. Films in this festival are historical nonfiction and will feature topics such as the history of labor, film, genocide, the World Wars and African American History. “It has never been easier to attend the festival,” said GS graduate student and festival coordinator Lauren Hartke. Hashiguchi’s film is a personal documentary about his family’s experience of living in a predominantly white community in Ohio while learning to embrace his Japanese heritage. “Specifically for Georgia Southern students, I would hope that through my film they’d see that race and cultural identities, or issues, aren’t limited to Black or white perspectives,” said Hashiguchi.



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Single-dose vaccine approved by FDA

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Late February, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted emergency use authorization for the third COVID-19 vaccine which can be administered in just one dose, unlike its competitors which require two.

According to the FDA’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine Frequently Asked Questions, the effectiveness of the three currently available vaccines cannot be compared because, “The only way to accurately compare the effectiveness of medical products, such as vaccines or drugs, is by direct comparison in head-to-head clinical trials, which did not occur for these vaccines.”

Factors such as where in the world the vaccine was tested as well as when the testing phase of the vaccine took place are also factors which make it impossible to create an accurate comparison between the three vaccines.

This was supported by Dr. Fauci during the press briefing by White House COVID-19 response team

and Public Health Officials on March 1.

This press briefing was an update by Dr. Rochell Walensky, director of the CDC, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the President’s chief medical advisor and director of the NIAID, and Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, chair of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force.

“Having multiple types of vaccine available, especially ones with different dosing regimens and different storing and handling, offers more flexibility said Walensky. “For example, clinics and mass vaccination sites that do not have freezer capacity may be able to use the Janssen vaccine, increasing access to more communities.”

On March 1, the FDA also issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the QuickVue At-Home test for prescription home use. This test would allow for rapid COVID-19 tests to be done without needing to send the sample to a laboratory for testing.

Is COVID-19 getting stronger and closer to home?

BY FERNANDA CAMACHO HAUSER

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One of the more recent headlines that have been circulating is about COVID-19 variants being detected and reported closer and closer to home.

The CDC defines a virus variant as having “[...]one or more mutations that differentiate it from the wild-type or predominant virus variants already circulating among the general population.”

As of their last update on Jan 31, the CDC seemed to be more focused on the UK variant (B.1.1.7), South African variant (B.1.351), and the Brazilian variant (P.1) which are named after where they are thought to originate from.

According to the CDC these three variants share

a mutation labeled D614G, which according to a non-peer-reviewed article and epidemiological evidence allows the variants to spread more quickly than the predominant virus strain.

These variants are naturally occurring as a virus spreads through a population, and the CDC is tracking and documenting these variants through Genomic Surveillance.

The Georgia Department of Public Health published a news release stating that as of Feb 1, there were 19 total cases of the UK variant (B.1.1.7) in the state of Georgia. They also issued the assurance that the same precautions that have been taken to slow the spread of the predominant strain:

wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, hand washing and avoiding large gatherings, would help slow the spread of these variants.

As of Feb 23, the CDC’s updated “Emerging Variant Cases in the United States” map shows 119 cases of the UK variant (B.1.1.7) and zero cases present of the South African (B.1.351) or Brazilian (P.1) variants for the state of Georgia.

Are you eligible for the vaccine?

I read the GDPH’s vaccine rollout plan, so you don’t have to.

BY ALEJANDRO DELAFUENTE

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Georgia Southern plans to administer vaccines according to the Georgia Department of Public Health’s multi-phase rollout plan which details who is eligible for the vaccine and when. Here’s a breakdown of their rollout plan:

Phase 1A+(Current):

Healthcare workers such as physicians, nurses and pharmacists can be vaccinated along with those 65 or older and their caretakers. First responders, including law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics can also receive the vaccine.

After an update by GDPH, pre-K and K-12 educators and school staff, parents of children with complex medical conditions and adults with

intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers are now included in phase 1A+

Phase 1B:

Essential workers needed for the functioning of the state of Georgia can be vaccinated. This includes individuals working for certain sectors of society such as public health, economics, safety or national security.

Phase 1C:

Individuals with pre-existing health conditions that would result in a severe case of COVID-19 can receive the vaccine.

Phase 2:

For the time being, phase two is characterized as the expansion of the vaccine to groups who are recommended for the vaccine as

opposed to those who are in severe need. Vaccination of individuals in phase 1 will also continue as those in phase two receive their vaccinations.

Phase 3:

Phase three will begin when the supply for the vaccine exceeds the demand. This is when most students and anybody who wants to be vaccinated can become vaccinated.

Phase 4:

Distribution of the vaccines will be documented, and excess vaccines will be returned to the government. Mitigation will then continue to take place, so the risk of COVID-19 is minimized.

Editor’s Note: This article has been edited to include updates to phase 1A+ by the GDPH.

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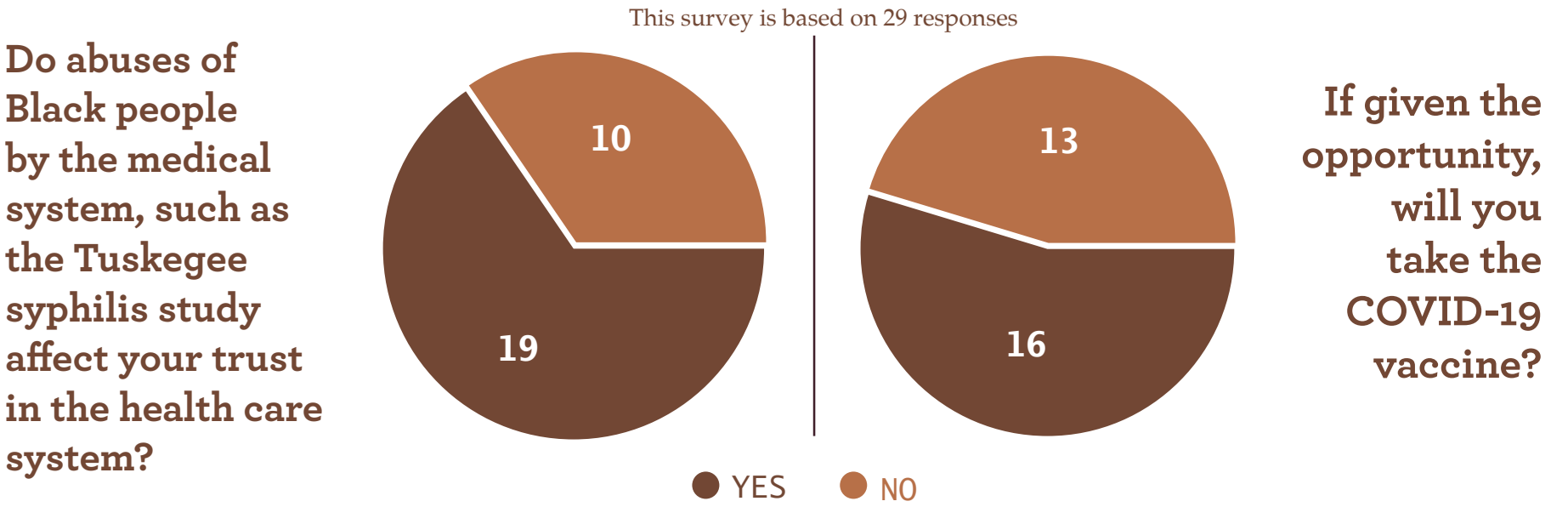
GS MINORITIES & THE COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccine has now been distributed through the world with many more doses to be issued through the year. The healthcare system has had a long history of discrimination against

minorities and studies like the Tuskegee syphilis study may make it hard for many people of color to trust the new vaccine. Healthcare professionals and prominent members of the US government,

however, have been advocating for the vaccine and trying to alleviate fears especially in communities of color. We sent out a survey to the GS community to get their thoughts on the vaccine and

asked if the history of healthcare discrimination affected their trust in the healthcare system/vaccine. We received 29 responses from minorities on campus and you can see the results below



Do abuses of Black people by the medical system, such as the Tuskegee syphilis study affect your trust in the health care system? Why or why not?

(Yes) “Historically speaking, we (Black people) have always been seen as guinea pigs in the medical world. This goes back all the way to slavery, when slaveowners and doctors would run “experiments” on slaves, with no anesthesia and then present their “findings” to the public.”

(Yes) “Medical bias”

(Yes) “If they did it once, why couldn’t they do something similar again?”

(Yes) “It’s not even a question why.”

(Yes) “Why shouldn’t I? The government keeps proving itself as untrustworthy when it comes to Black and brown health. Forget past histories look at the stats of how many Black women die each year from white negligence in the medical field. It’s an alarming number compared to our counterparts.”

(Yes) “Because of how we were treated.”

(Yes) “Because through past events such as these we can see how white people and people in power see us as less than and disposable enough to be used as test subjects without consent.”

(No) “I trust that something like that would not happen in 2021.”

(No) “When it comes to COVID-19, everyone wants it gone and for life to return to normal. The Tuskegee syphilis was wrong but we have grown since then.”

Will you take the COVID-19 vaccine? Why or why not?

(No) “I would not take it right now but possibly one day”

(Yes) “I have trust in science and believe that this vaccine can flatten the curve or possibly even prevent the U.S from continuously having rising cases.”

(No) “I simply don’t feel comfortable .”

(Yes) “Because I’m tired of being in this petri dish with all of these undisciplined people who act like wearing a mask is the end of the world.”

(No) “No trust at all”

(Yes) “I will eventually get it. I would like to be protected because COVID-19 is quite serious; however, not right now until there’s enough evidence that shows getting the vaccine is showing improvements in cases and decreasing the numbers.”

(No) “I’m not terrified of a virus that has over a 99% survival rate. Also because I don’t want to.”

(No) “I don’t believe in vaccines”

(Yes) “I currently have covid, and it’s not fun, and I really want things to start going back to normal, and the only way to do so is to start somewhere”

(Yes) “It will protect me and everyone I care about”

Are there any/other reasons you do not trust the vaccine or the healthcare system?

“Black people were mistreated and lied to not only during the Tuskegee experiments but all through history and even modern day medicine. Medical professionals are STILL being taught that Black people have tougher skin or feel less pain than our white counterparts. In MODERN medical books many images of conditions and disease are only shown on fair skin leading to a higher rate of misdiagnosis against black people.”

“Capitalism.”

“Most people in power are rich white men, and why would we trust people to care for us who have been our enemy in all of history?”

“No.”

“They just wanna make money.”

“There’s an opioid crisis going on, but doctors constantly prescribe pills and opiates. Natural remedies WORK, but you’ll never see big pharma promote those more natural methods. It’s just pills pills pills pills. Feeling sad? Just pop some anti-depressants. It’s a system built on a lie.”

“It’s not designed to help black people”

“Minorities and the elderly are always the first to be offered like they are supposed to be test subjects”

“Minorities are just generally mistreated by the heath care system so it’s kind of engrained in me to feel a little bit of mistrust.”

“I have no reasons not to trust the vaccine or our healthcare system.”

“I am just a person who is a lot of times unsure about things because the media is always going to make things out to seem the way that they want to regardless of other sides.”

“I trust the vaccine because of all the science and volunteers that took the time to ensure its safety. Another thing that makes me not trust the healthcare system is that Black women are four times more likely to die from childbirth compared to white women.”

How do your friends/family feel about the vaccine?

“Most friends and family trust the vaccine’s safety while a few others do not.”

“Skeptical.”

“Some of them are afraid, others are ready to get the vaccine to reduce their risk.”

“Skeptical but willing to receive the vaccine.”

“Many of my family members are healthcare workers, and understand the importance of the vaccine. My friends, also understand what it takes to make a vaccine and the importance of it because we are all biology pre-vet majors”

“They won’t take it either”

“Both of my parents are healthcare workers and agree with the COVID-19 vaccine. My father has received the COVID-19 vaccine.”

“They don’t trust it either, and we aren’t taking it”

“They do not want it, or at least want to see how it reacts with people who have taken it already first.”

What do you think the government should do to encourage people to take the vaccine?

“Be as transparent as possible.”

“Use popular more well-known people to take the vaccine. Spread encouragement and inspire them that the way to end the virus is to take the vaccine.”

“They shouldn’t try to persuade anyone to take a vaccine with a death rate lower than 3%.”

“Release publicly every wrong done in the experiments of the minority people. This can really start the healing of minorities and trust.”

“Give people money.”

“They could actually put an end to systematic racism and that would gain them more trust in the eyes of the minority but other than that I just can’t see how the government could people to change their minds about the vaccine because most are dead set and not willing to change their minds about taking the vaccine”

“Nothing.”

“I think clearing up some of the misinformation would be very helpful especially in the Black community because like I said before misinformation is running rampant throughout my community I fear people dying as a result of not being vaccinated, because they are afraid of things that aren’t necessarily true”

“Everything in their power. Even making it mandatory for school participation if need be.”

What type of housing is right for you?

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It's that time of the year when we as college students start being asked whether we are returning to our current living accommodations for the next year or not.

Most students may already know the drill, but that doesn't make the signing process any less stressful.

For those of us who have been at this a while, we know the drill more or less but that doesn't mean that we don't remember that added stress or panic of trying to figure it out for the first time.

We reached out to Georgia Southern students to see what they think of different housing options and what advice they have to offer looking back on their experiences.

Of the individuals who responded, 60% lived off campus with 68.4% choosing to live in apartments off campus which tend to be the more

popular choice due to having both a proximity to campus and the utilities included in the monthly rent.

Students such as Evan Wolff say they prefer living off campus because, “[...] having my own washer and dryer, oven/stovetop, full size sink, dishwasher, along with larger rooms and my own personal bathroom make it much better than living on campus.”

Brandon J. Cornelius who lives in a rental home where the utilities are not included said, "I prefer to live a bit further from campus, allowing not only for freedom from traffic but also the freedoms that come with more space."

Cornelius went on to say that some of the things people should consider when choosing where to live should include, “aspects of housing such as amenities, closeness to campus, cost and style of housing are all very important. Finding what fits your lifestyle and

budget is the tricky part."

One student who reported having lived on campus since the summer of 2017 said, “I prefer to live on-campus because of the security and close proximity to campus.”

Another student very simply broke it down to some of the basic pros and cons when it comes to making this decision.

“Off-campus is preferable for older, more independent students who don’t have a meal plan and intend to cook. It is much cheaper than most on-campus housing. However, you do have to pay for rent over the summer unless you can sub-lease it, and you’re generally further from campus. On campus there are more opportunities to attend events and get to know your neighbors. Off campus apartments are also generally owned by larger companies, so it can be very difficult to get any help or flexibility from the apartment complex office.”



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GS earns gold-level distinction as a military friendly school

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For its tenth year in a row, Georgia Southern University has been named a Military Friendly school by marketing agency Viqtory Media, earning a gold-level distinction in the large public school category and being named a Military Friendly Spouse School.

The marketing agency rates various schools on several categories, including compliance with academic policies; graduation and career outcomes; culture and commitment; support and retention of military students, admissions and orientation, and financial aid and loan repayment.

“I am truly grateful and so proud of Eagle Nation,” said Director of Military and Veteran Services George Fredrick. “A recognition like this, becoming a

Military Friendly 2021-22 Gold School, reflects the culture and the phenomenal efforts of a great University. Similarly, we are equally proud of our recent distinction as a Military Friendly Spouse Institution for 2020.”

Fredrick has also given credit to the civilian population of GS, claiming they also played a large role in earning the gold.

“We must congratulate our university leadership for their vision and support to create a university character that values and provides great opportunities and transforms lives through our personal interactions.” Fredrick said. “We must also recognize our faculty, staff and student population for all of their support of our strategies to recruit and provide the best possible support to this population.”

SGA opens up elections for 2021

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This week marks the beginning of the election cycle for the Student Government Association (SGA) at Georgia Southern.

SGA serves the entire student body at GS, including the Armstrong and Liberty campuses.

“You don’t have to just be interested in politics to be in Student Government,” said David Eller, the student services coordinator for SGA, “Just have a passion

for giving back to those around you. SGA is a great organization to prepare students for whatever career they choose after graduation.”

Students who participate in SGA make connections with GS administration and are given ample opportunities to gain skills with real-world application like public speaking, legislative writing, budgeting, event planning and group interactions, and they will advocate on behalf of the student body in all aspects of student life—whether that be any concerns or experiences they have had, good or bad, Eller said.

“[SGA is] like the middleman between the administration and student body here at Georgia Southern,” said Eller.

Students will have until March 12, to pledge their intent to run for office and will be allowed to campaign from March 29, until April 7. Students will have the opportunity to vote from April 5-7.

Pandemic creates national overdose crisis making prevention awareness all the more important

Overdose cases have been on the rise over the pandemic, so here’s what you need to know about overdose prevention

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With opioid overdose cases reportedly on the rise nationwide in the past year, police departments are actively coming up with prevention tactics to keep people safe and informed.

COVID-19 stay-at-home precautions and mandates were implemented last March, contributing to a rise in overdose cases across the country.

“In the time following March 19, 2020, 61.84 % of participating counties experienced an increase in overdose submissions,” reports ODMAP Analyst, Christopher Yeager.

Officers encourage citizens to utilize the application, “OD Map,” an overdose detection mapping application program used to combat the opioid

epidemic. Once downloaded, users can type in an address and the police will be aware of drug hotspots or the location of an overdose.

OD Map is available in a number of participating counties in Georgia, including Bulloch and Chatham counties, and ultimately saves first responders time and effort, both of which are of essence when saving lives.

Narcan is a medication used to block the effects of opioids like heroin, morphine and oxycodone. This opioid antagonist medication is typically administered by first responders, such as police officers, who are usually first to arrive on the scene of an overdose case.

Chatham County police have administered a total of 46 doses of Narcan since last February, said Chatham County Public Information Officer, Betsy Nolan.

“Each officer is issued Narcan

and authorized to use it anytime they see the need,” says Captain Jared Akins of Statesboro Police Department.

Akins pinpoints measures that the public should utilize if they come in contact with someone who has overdosed:

1. “Make the 911 call. That way, resources can be dispatched as quickly as possible.”
2. “Recognize that some substances, like fentanyl, can be dangerous to touch or inhale, so be mindful of what you come into contact with at the scene.”
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Spring 2021 Commencement Reminders

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Earlier today the office of the registrar sent out a reminder email with information and instructions about the upcoming spring 2021 commencement.

Among these emails are the instructions to double-check the address that your diploma will be sent to six to eight weeks after the end of the semester.

The email also reminds those graduating to check out any holds that might prevent them from graduating as expected such as parking, financial aid or library hold. As well as making sure they pay the \$35 graduation fee through their WINGS account.

The newest information includes the instructions on how and where to order our caps and gowns. In order to avoid the \$25 late fee the email recommends students send in measurements before the April 12 deadline.

The general information and commencement dates remain the same as when they were announced in early February.

Georgia Southern announces 2021 football schedule

Six Saturday home games highlight the 2021 slate for the Eagles

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Sept. 4	Georgia Southern HOME	FCS Gardner-Webb Bulldogs
	Previous Stats The Eagles hold a 2-1 series lead over the Bulldogs, with the most recent game resulting a 56-0 GS win in 2002.	
Sept. 11	Georgia Southern AWAY	Boca Raton Florida Atlantic Owls
	Previous Stats The two teams met for the first time in 2020 as the Eagles took down the Owls by a score of 20-3.	
Sept. 18	Georgia Southern AWAY	SEC Arkansas Razorbacks
	Previous Stats The Eagles were supposed to take on an SEC opponent last season in Ole Miss, but the game was cancelled after the SEC moved to a conference-only schedule.	
Sept. 25	Georgia Southern HOME	The Ragin' Cajuns 2020 Sun Belt co-champion Louisiana
	Previous Stats The Ragin' Cajuns are one of three teams the Eagles will host that finished in the final top-25 poll in 2020.	
Oct. 2	Georgia Southern HOME	Arkansas State Red Wolves
	Previous Stats The last time the Eagles took on the Red Wolves in 2019, the game resulted in a 38-33 loss for GS.	
Oct. 9	Georgia Southern AWAY	Alabama Troy Trojans
	Previous Stats GS took down the Trojans 20-13 in Paulson Stadium last season.	
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Oct. 14	Georgia Southern AWAY	South Alabama Jaguars
	Previous Stats The Eagles are currently undefeated (7-0) vs the Jaguars all-time.	
Oct. 30	Georgia Southern HOME	Georgia State Panthers
	Previous Stats This year's game is a welcome surprise to many Eagles fans as the game normally takes place in late November.	
Nov. 6	Georgia Southern HOME	The Chanticleers Sun Belt co-champion Coastal Carolina
	Previous Stats The Chanticleers are the second of three opponents that finished the 2020 season as a ranked team.	
Nov. 13	Georgia Southern AWAY	San Marcos Texas State Bobcats
	Previous Stats The Eagles have won four straight games against the Bobcats.	
Nov. 20	Georgia Southern HOME	Brigham Young University (BYU) Cougars
	Previous Stats The Cougars are another one of the three Eagle opponents that finished the 2020 season within the final top-25 poll.	
Nov. 27	Georgia Southern AWAY	Boone Appalachian State Mountaineers
	Previous Stats This is the second time ever that the Eagles will close out the regular season against the Mountaineers, with the only other instance coming in 2020.	
Dec. 4	For the fourth season in a row, the Sun Belt is split into two five-team divisions. The winner of each division will advance to the Sun Belt Conference Championship Game on Dec. 4, which will take place at the home stadium of the higher-ranked team.	

GS replaces four coaches on football staff

Just over three weeks ago, head coach Chad Lunsford announced the final coaching staff for the 2021 season

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After a rollercoaster of a season that ended on a high note, it seemed inevitable that there would be many changes to the coaching staff.

The offensive staff was nearly completely changed, but a number of other supporting roles were also replaced this offseason.

Geep Wade

The second addition was offensive line coach Geep Wade. Wade has over two decades of experience coaching offensive linemen.

Wade's last stop was at UT Martin, but he also has history at East Carolina, Middle Tennessee State and Marshall. However, after the 2018 season, Wade took time away from football to work within his family business.

"That year off was great for me to re-evaluate some things," said Wade. "I had some opportunities, but wasn't going to turn this one down."

Derrick Sherman

The next addition to the Eagle staff was Derrick Sherman, who will serve as the wide receivers coach.

Sherman's name may

sound familiar to some Eagle fans because he served as an offensive graduate assistant for the Eagles in 2014. Since his time in Statesboro, Sherman has made stops at Pittsburg State, Tulane, and Samford.

While at Samford, Sherman oversaw the record season of Bulldog receiver Kelvin McKnight. During his All-Southern Conference freshman team season, McKnight caught 100 passes for a school-record 1,453 yards and nine touchdowns.

"As soon as I got the call and got the details, there wasn't much other than asking the boss-boss [my wife] just to

make sure it was all good to come back to Statesboro," said Sherman. "It was very short, sweet and easy."

Joe Graves

The final addition to the Eagle coaching staff was Joe Graves, who will serve as the running backs coach. The addition of Graves came late in the offseason after Chris Foster left GS for East Carolina.

As a player, Graves is one of the most decorated student athletes in Southeastern Louisiana history, garnering three All-SLC selections and helping guide the Lions to back-to-back conference

championships in 2013 and 2014.

Graves has made coaching stops at SLU and Louisiana Monroe. While with the Warhawks, Graves oversaw the development of star running back Josh Johnson.

In two seasons under Graves, Johnson rushed for over 1,600 yards and 15 touchdowns while averaging more than 5.5 yards per carry.

Editor's note: This article has been updated to include more recent updates to the 2021 coaching staff.

Eagles capture win but lose series to Pirates

GS baseball still have not captured a series win in 2021

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After a dominant win against College of Charleston, it finally looked like the Eagles had found their footing this season. However, this bright spot on the schedule would not last long.

Just two days after a 18-run performance against the Cougars, the Eagles were back in action. This time they were hosting Eastern Carolina, the No. 22 team in the country.

On Friday, the Pirates opened up a 1-0 lead as the game entered the third inning. A two-run Mason McWhorter home run gave a 2-1 lead, but this was short-lived.

ECU reclaimed the lead after a sacrifice bunt followed by an

Eagle error. The Pirates never relinquished their lead and escaped J.I. Clements Stadium with a 6-4 victory.

The next day, the Eagles put together a much better performance.

Christian Avant and Jason Swan both accumulated three hits as eight different Eagles logged at least one.

After another dominant performance, the Eagles captured a 10-7 win on Saturday.

This set up a rubber match on Sunday, with the winner claiming the series victory.

Unfortunately for Eagle fans, Sunday was never a good game.

The Pirates jumped on the Eagles from the very beginning. A Connor Norby

solo home run gave ECU a lead that would not be given up.

The Pirates dominated the entirety of the game, holding the Eagles scoreless until the bottom of the ninth inning.

A Sam Blancato double drove in two runs and injected a bit of energy into J.I. Clements Stadium, but the Eagles ultimately fell short.

The Pirates closed out the series with a 9-2 victory over the hometown Eagles.

GS now sits at 2-5 on the season and has just a single win at home.

The Eagles are back in action on Wednesday as they travel to Jacksonville to take on North Florida at 6:05 p.m. The game can be streamed on the North Florida athletics webpage.



The Eagles’ bats come alive in Charleston

Georgia Southern slaughters College of Charleston in midweek matchup



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After a disappointing opening series against No. 19 Tennessee, Georgia Southern rebounded in a big way on Wednesday night.

The Eagle bats caught fire en route to a dominant 18-7 victory over the College of Charleston.

The Cougars jumped out to a quick two-run lead after the second inning; however, the lead was soon lost after the Eagles put together a nine-run

third inning.

The Eagles put together another big inning in the fourth, adding eight more runs to their total. One more run in the seventh inning upped the Eagles’ total to 18 runs in addition to their 23 hits on the night.

Mason McWhorter headlined the offensive explosion for the Eagles with two home runs and five RBIs. Jaylen Paden accumulated four hits and Noah Ledford added three of his own.

The Cougar offense put together an impressive seven-run performance, but their efforts were not enough. Trotter Harlan totaled three hits and two RBIs to lead the way.

The Eagles will hope to continue their offensive hot streak this weekend as they take on No. 25 East Carolina. The Eagles are set to take on the Pirates at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday, and will close out the series at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Lady Eagles come away with one victory in Florida

Georgia Southern softball team struggles in season-opening tournament

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After a rainstorm canceled the annual Bash in the Boro weekend, Georgia Southern’s softball team turned their focus to the Bubly Invitational down in the Sunshine State over the weekend.

However, the Lady Eagles struggled mightily against No. 6 Florida and Charlotte en route to a 1-4 performance at the invitational.

In the opener against Florida, ranked No. 6, the Eagles commanded a one run lead headed into the fifth inning; however, the Gators found five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and never looked back. Florida ultimately won the game, 8-3.

10 a.m. the next morning, the Lady Eagles were back in action against Charlotte. After falling into a 2-0 hole to the 49ers, the Eagles fought back and even

held a 4-2 lead entering the bottom of the 7th and final inning.

The 49ers put up a good fight and added extra innings to the game. After a scoreless top half of the eighth inning, the 49ers captured a walk-off victory in the bottom half of the inning.

In their second matchup against the powerhouse Gators, the Lady Eagles held a 1-0 lead entering the final inning. Although, just like their early matchup against the 49ers, the Eagles allowed a walk-off single. In the end, the Gators walked away with a 2-1 victory.

On Sunday morning, the Lady Eagles fared much better against Charlotte than the previous day. The Eagles’ bats were hot enough to garner 14 hits and send 13 runs across the plate. Three triples highlighted a dominant performance that saw the Eagles walk away with a 13-5 victory.

In their final game of the weekend, the Eagles faced Florida for a third time. The Lady Gators dominated this time. Five doubles propelled the Gators to a dominant 11-0 victory in just five innings.

Faith Shirley and Ashlynn Gunter led the Eagle offense with seven and six hits respectively. The pair also combined for six of the team’s combined 21 runs over the weekend. Mekhia Freeman and Bailee Wilson also contributed five hits each.

Aaliyah Garcia pitched the only Eagle win over the weekend, but the Eagle pitching staff finished the weekend with a cumulative ERA of 5.83.

The Lady Eagles will be back on the field this weekend as they travel to take on North Florida in a three-game series. The Eagles play at 4 p.m. on Friday, 12 p.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.





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 - 4. Maroon 5 song "The Way I ___"
 - 7. Soccer ___
 - 10. Mob scenes
 - 13. ___ de Triomphe
 - 14. Captive
 - 16. Some scouts
 - 17. Vote of support
 - 18. Movie shots
 - 19. Vias
 - 21. Presidents and Czars
 - 23. Go with
 - 24. Departed
 - 25. Volcanic fallout
 - 28. Contents of some banks
 - 30. Table setting pieces
 - 35. Connive
 - 37. Fired off (e-mail)
 - 39. Inexpensive
 - 40. Pickable
 - 41. Bonus
 - 43. Impulse
 - 44. Best
 - 46. Strapped
 - 47. Tattle
 - 48. Period of instruction
 - 50. "Cool!"
 - 52. Prescribed
 - 53. Small amount
 - 55. Hand, slangily
 - 57. Barrage
 - 61. Bands
 - 65. Bug
 - 66. Allow
 - 68. Pick up the tab
 - 69. Ballet practice
 - 70. Metal in rocks
 - 71. Common thing?
 - 72. Faucet
 - 73. Downy surface
 - 74. Repair

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 - 7. Fashion
 - 8. Concluded
 - 9. Dining hall
 - 11. Stay on ones ___
 - 12. Racing network
 - 14. Storm production
 - 15. Boy
 - 20. Razz
 - 22. Goal
 - 24. Desiring
 - 25. Tax time
 - 26. Miniature rollercoaster
 - 27. Aspirations
 - 29. Modern message
 - 31. Out of business
 - 32. Presentation expression
 - 33. American symbol
 - 34. Wheat variety
 - 36. Drinks
 - 38. Branch headquarters?
 - 42. Comply
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 - 49. Part of Scand.
 - 51. Fruit filled pies
 - 54. Stocking
 - 56. Make edgy
 - 57. Fan ____, part of a car
 - 58. Two-dimensional extent
 - 59. Sting operation
 - 60. Beat
 - 61. Stride
 - 62. Writes
 - 63. Make smooth
 - 64. This-and-that dish
 - 67. Memorable time

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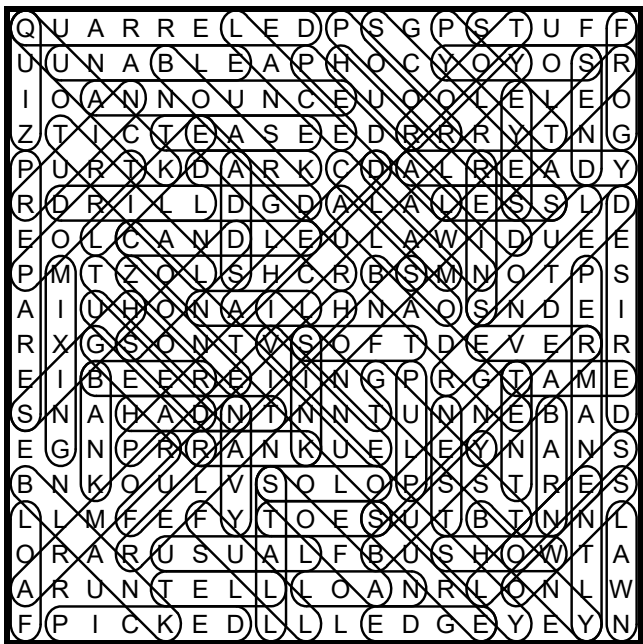
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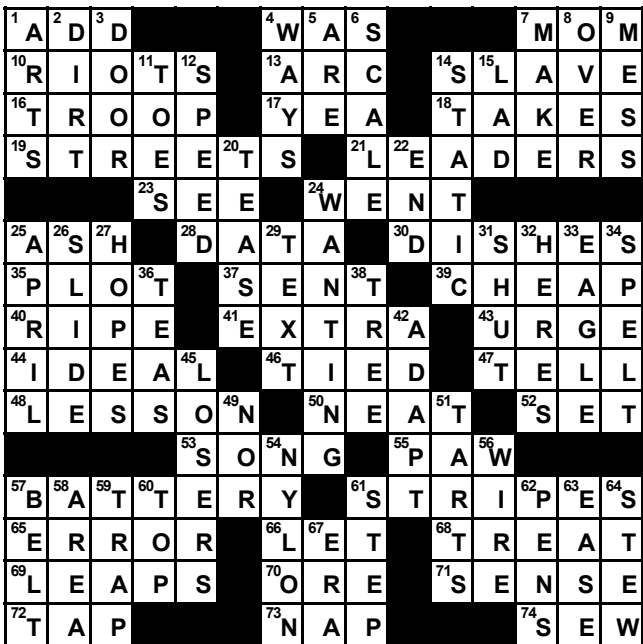
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Sudoku level: Difficult

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